

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended). A method for providing a remote with a stand alone capability to connect calls independently, wherein the remote normally connects through a host that provides call connectivity to a remote user, comprising the steps of:

~~downloading data from the host to the remote needed for basic connectivity;~~

~~triggering the stand alone capability upon the detection communication link failure between the remote and the host;~~

providing at least one service that effects the stand alone capability, the service being an administration change notification service providing notification that administration changes have been made to Subscriber Data required by the remote for call connectivity;

in response to the notification that administrative changes have been made to the Subscriber Data, downloading data including line data, centrex group data, and multi line hunt group data from the host to the remote and storing the line

data, centrex group data, and multi line hunt group data in a database local to the remote; and

when a loss of communication between the remote and the host is detected, performing call services with the remote in the stand alone mode, wherein the remote refers to the line data, the centrex group data, and the multi line hunt group data stored in the database local to the remote.

Claim 2 (currently amended). The method of claim 1, wherein the ~~step of downloading~~ downloading line data is needed for connecting calls.

Claim 3 (original). The method of claim 1, wherein the step of downloading downloads call services to support a minimum quality of service.

Claims 4 - 6 (cancelled).

Claim 7 (currently amended). The method of claim [6] 1, wherein the service is a download service.

Claim 8 (cancelled).

Claim 9 (currently amended). The method of claim [6] 1, wherein the service is a Database Synchronization and Status Service that provides a mechanism to

ensure that administration changes to subscriber data are properly reported to the remote.

Claim 10 (original). The method of claim 1, wherein the remote is a remote digital terminal (RDT) that operates in compliance with the GR303 standard.

Claim 11 (currently amended). An apparatus for providing a remote with a stand alone capability to connect calls independently, wherein the remote normally connects through a host that provides call connectivity to a remote user, comprising the steps of:

~~a downloading service for downloading data from the host to the remote needed for basic connectivity;~~

~~a triggering function the stand alone capability upon detecting a communication link failure between the remote and the host;~~

providing at least one service that effects the stand alone capability, the service being an administration change notification service providing notification that administration changes have been made to Subscriber Data required by the remote for call connectivity;

in response to the notification that administrative changes have been made to the Subscriber Data, downloading data including line data, centrex group data,

and multi line hunt group data from the host to the remote and storing the line data, centrex group data, and multi line hunt group data in a database local to the remote; and

when a loss of communication between the remote and the host is detected, performing call services with the remote in the stand alone mode, wherein the remote refers to the line data, the centrex group data, and the multi line hunt group data stored in the database local to the remote.

Claim 12 (currently amended). The apparatus of claim 11, wherein the ~~downloading service downloads~~ line data is needed for connecting calls.

Claim 13 (currently amended). The apparatus of claim 11, wherein the ~~downloading service downloads~~ step of downloading data includes downloading call services to support a minimum quality of service.

Claim 14 - 16 (cancelled).

Claim 17 (original). The apparatus of claim 11, further comprising a Database Synchronization and Status Service that provides a mechanism to ensure that administration changes to subscriber data are properly reported to the remote.

Claim 18 (original). The apparatus of claim 11, wherein the remote is a remote digital terminal (RDT) that operates in compliance with the GR303 standard.